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Dear Stakeholder:

RE: Five Year Review of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in conjunction with other land use planning ministries, is undertaking a review of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 (PPS), as required under the *Planning Act*. The main goal of the review is to assess the need for revisions to the PPS.

The PPS is the integrated, consolidated statement of all ministries' policies concerning land use for Ontario and it provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. Municipal councils, planning boards and any other decision makers including the Ontario Municipal Board must ensure their decisions that affect planning matters are consistent with the PPS.

The PPS recognizes the complex inter-relationships among economic, environmental and social factors in planning. It provides direction on key issues such as: the efficient use and management of land and resources; long-term protection of the natural environment and water resources; the conservation of cultural heritage and archaeological resources; and the protection of public health and safety. Your input and perspectives on whether changes to the PPS are needed will assist the government in determining if the policies are providing appropriate direction and protecting broader provincial interests.

A PPS Review pamphlet containing background information on the land use planning system in Ontario including what the PPS is and how it is used; why the review is necessary; questions asking not only about what policies are working well but also whether some changes are needed; and information on how to provide comments is available online at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page7243.aspx. The PPS, 2005 can also be viewed online by visiting www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page1485.aspx.

Please provide your feedback on the questions contained in the pamphlet by August 31, 2010.

Further information about the PPS Review is available online at www.ontario.ca/PPS.

Information regarding the review of the PPS is also posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Environmental Registry at www.ebr.gov.on.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle MacIntyre, Manager (A), Provincial Planning Policy Branch at 416-585-6014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ken Petersen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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